Idleness leads to crime, and laziness is the mother of all vices. There is no virtue without work.

He is a truly wise and good man, who, through Divine assistance, remains superior to the influence of fortune on his character; who having once imbibed worthy sentiments and established proper principles of action, continues constant to these, whatever his circumstances be; maintains, throughout all the changes of life, one uniform and supported tenor of conduct; and what he abhorred as evil and wickéd, in the beginning of his days, continues to abhor to the end.

The decision of the convention, which recently met at Muskogee, Indian Territory, upon a name for the new state to be added to the Union brings a total of thirty-three states which have adopted Indian titles for state names. The convention, after some little discussion, decided that the new state should be known as Sequoia, as a tribute to the great Cherokee leader, and is a fitting honor which America owes to one of the really great redmen of this continent. The Cherokee Indian alphabet was originated by George Gist, a halfbreed, knówn to the tribe as Sequoia. He was a statesman and a peaceable leader among the tribe. He was an illiterate man but the idea of an alphabet for the Cherokee tribe was conceived from the brands he saw on cattle. He carved eighty-six characters with his hunting knife out of pine bark, then he called the wise men together, and explained the characters. The tribal council adopted that, and in later years one of the tribe translated the Bible into the Cherokee language, through which medium Christianity was first taught among the Cherokees. It is to Sequoia that the Cherokee nation owes its splendid system of schools.

While in search of a lost band of Cherokee Indians in 1844, Sequoia lost his life.

California has already honored him by naming the "Big Tree of that state "Sequoia gigatea" after him England knows this tree as the "Wellingtonia."

Thirty-two of the states of the union have adopted Indian titles, but they are usually place-names; no state comme-